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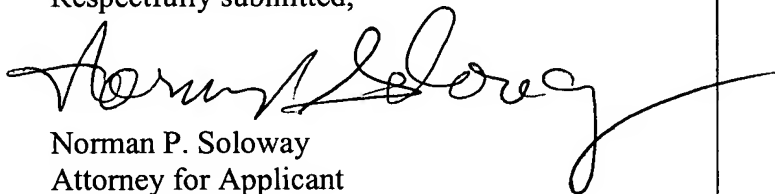
The indicated allowability of claims 26-32 is noted, with thanks. Applicant has amended claim 26 to incorporate the limitations of base claim 18. Claims 20-25 have been amended to depend on claim 26. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims are now allowable over the art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, it is believed the art rejection has been rendered moot.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.


Respectfully submitted,



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